

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2002

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission met on Thursday, November 14, 2002, in the Chancellor's Conference Room, Regent 302.

Members present were: Maren Additon, Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, Carina Bernard-Walker, Kevin Boyer, Deb Coffin, Bill Deno, Bill Herbstreit, Steve Jones, Bill Kaempfer, Terry Kleeman, Jeff Lipton, Lisa Lucio, Jana Milford, Brian Moll, Mary Ann Myer, Robin Newsome-Suits, Joyce Nielsen, Suzanne Tegen, Steve Thweatt, Richard Wobbekind, and William Arndt.

Members absent were: Noel Cummings and Uriel Nauenberg.

Guests present were: Andy Barnard, Sink Combs Dethlefs Architects; Jon Burianek, Intercollegiate Athletics; Paul Caldara, Utilities Generation and Distribution; Jeff Dodge, *Silver & Gold Record*; Steve Hecht, Facilities Management; Pam Lingenfelter, Arts and Sciences; Dick Monson, Utilities Generation and Distribution; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; and Derrick Watson, Administration.

1. **MINUTES** -- The minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2002, were unanimously approved.
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT** -- Kaempfer introduced new member Jana Milford, an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.
3. **BY-LAWS REVISIONS: CONTINUED** -- Herbstreit noted that the changes to the By-Laws presented at the last meeting were assumed to be acceptable, and the current draft reflects changes subsequent to that. It was moved by Lipton, seconded by Lucio, to approve this final version of the revised By-Laws. The motion passed unanimously. Kaempfer will submit the By-Laws to the Chancellor for his review and endorsement.
4. **FOLSOM FIELD WEST SIDE LIGHTING: SCHEMATIC DESIGN** -- Hecht explained that new lighting on the west side of Folsom Field had been approved in 2000, but was never installed. He introduced Andy Barnard of Sink Combs Dethlefs Architects who explained that the lights were originally planned to be installed above the Pressbox, but need to be higher to avoid shining directly into the eyes of those sitting in the new east seats. To achieve this, two large poles are proposed and would be freestanding north and south of Balch Fieldhouse. Barnard said that the Design Review Board had seen the proposal and asked that every effort be made to make the poles as short as possible. Barnard said that minimum is 135 feet. The DRB also offered suggestions concerning the poles themselves. They recommended that they be simple, and be painted a neutral gray rather than black. The poles will be about 3 ½ feet in diameter at the base. The southerly one will be within an existing planting area of Fieldhouse Plaza.

Wobbekind asked if the lights would block view of the mountains. Barnard said the light banks would be higher than that. Bartlett asked more questions about the glare; Barnard showed diagrams to explain the geometry. Bernard-Walker asked how often the lights would be used; Burianek said one or two televised night games a year. Wobbekind asked if some sort of telescoping poles could be designed; Barnard said possibly, but it would involve an enormous expense. Kaempfer asked about wind issues; Barnard said the poles

would be designed to withstand 120 mph winds. Thweatt commented that the commitment to keep the football stadium at this location on campus implies a commitment to all that goes with a football stadium, including lighting.

It was moved by Lipton, seconded by Jones, to approve the Schematic Design for the west side lighting. The motion passed on a vote of 9 in favor, 3 against, and 2 abstentions.

5. **EAST AREA OF MAIN CAMPUS LAND USE EVALUATION** -- Lipton noted that this was the third time the Commission had seen a presentation concerning a site for future utility facilities. In January a matrix was presented with seven possible sites on campus. Additional criteria were added. In May, further studies were shown using the added criteria. Two sites were recommended as preferable at that time. Those two sites are part of the current study of an area of the eastern part of the Main Campus, roughly from the old Folsom right-of-way to 28th Street, and from Colorado Avenue to Kittredge Complex.

Thweatt reiterated that the first need is a chiller plant, within the next 2 to 4 years. Much later, power generation and possibly cogeneration will be necessary. Thweatt made a PowerPoint presentation showing the history of the area being studied, and the potential sites. He outlined other possible future uses in the area (engineering expansion, recycling, parking development, etc.). He noted that no one site would accommodate all the utility needs, but that two or more sites may have to share pieces of the function.

Kleeman asked about the timeline. Lipton said that it would be at least two years before design started, and four years before construction. Kaempfer asked about some available open space on the maps, not indicated as a possible site. Baily said that there was some flexibility in the siting, but it was considered important not to line all of 28th Street with utility structures. Wobbekind asked how the recycling facility fit into these plans; Thweatt said that no final decision had been made on the relocation of recycling. Lucio asked how much of the chiller plant could be built below grade. Baily said some, but there needs to be access to lift equipment in and out by cranes.

It was moved by Lipton, seconded by Wobbekind, to recommend approval of the "East Area of Main Campus Land Use Evaluation," including the selection of the site northeast of the Coors Events/Conference Center for further design studies of a chiller plant. A friendly amendment changed the wording from "chiller plant" to "utility plant" to better address long-term planning. Tegen asked if this would imply approval of a new utility plant; Lipton said no, this was only approval of the siting study, and that the usual feasibility / programming / design process would follow. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. **NAMING OF NEW BUILDINGS AT WILLIAMS VILLAGE** -- Phil Simpson, Planner for the Williams Village expansion project, said that the agreement with the developer gives the university approval of naming of the buildings. The proposed name does not involve a donor or an honorary name, so the Chancellor can approve it, after recommendation by the BCPC. Prior to this, functional names for residential facilities were either "Halls" (for undergraduates in traditional group living arrangements) or "Courts" for family housing. A new functional name, "Apartments" is proposed as appropriate for this facility. The approved policy for naming of facilities states that buildings can be named for places or natural features. This would be the first time such a name would be used on the Boulder Campus.

The CU Foundation, through its limited liability corporation, Bear Creek, LLC, has proposed the name: Bear Creek Apartments at Williams Village for the first phase of the Williams Village expansion, now under construction.

It was moved by Wobbekind, seconded by Bartlett to recommend approval of the name as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. **OTHER ITEMS FROM MEMBERS** -- Bartlett, seconded by Jones, moved that the following resolution be entered into the minutes:

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission offers its sincere congratulations to the students from the College of Architecture and Planning and from the Department of Civil Engineering, whose model solar home earned first prize in the national Solar Decathlon sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., in October. This great achievement serves to remind us of the importance to our university, our state, and our nation of reducing energy consumption.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Lipton announced that Commission member Bill Deno will be formally retiring from the university in December, after 29 years of service. Deno will return in February 2003 under a condensed schedule to resume the core responsibilities of the CU-Boulder Campus Architect, and he will retain his seat on the BCPC. A reception in Deno's honor will be held on Thursday, December 12, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the UMC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by William Arndt.